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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  $\square$  continuation  $\boxtimes$  divisional continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 08/956,029 filed on October 22, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

Kazuo SHIOTA; Norihisa HANEDA; Shiqekazu FUKADA

for

PICTURE PRINTING SYSTEM

1. X Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs applicable).

2.  $\square$  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

|                                     |                 |                 | LARGE ENTITY  | SMALL ENTITY  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                     | BASIC FEE       |                 | \$770.00      | \$385.00      |
|                                     | NUMBER<br>FILED | NUMBER<br>EXTRA | RATE FEE      | RATE FEE      |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                     | 20-20 =         | 0               | x 18 = \$0.00 | x 9 = \$0.00  |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS               | 3-3 =           | 0               | x 86 = \$0.00 | x 43 = \$0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED |                 |                 | + \$290.00    | + \$145.00    |
|                                     |                 | TOTAL           | \$770.00      | \$0.00        |

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|     |             | <del></del>  |   |                                    |
| 3.  | $\boxtimes$ | A check in the amount fee and recording fee  |   |                                    |
| 4.  |             | Please charge Deposit A of \$0.00. A triplication enclosed.                        |   |                                    |
| 5.  | $\boxtimes$ | Enclosed is/are <a href="two">two</a> (and/or photographs.                         | $\underline{2}$ ) sheet(s) of   | formal drawings                    |
| 6a. |             | A statement claiming s<br>prior Application No.<br>attached copy of the<br>status. | 08/956,029 on   | See the                            |
| 6b. |             | The current applicati status.  | on qualifies fo   | or small entity                    |
| 7.  | $\boxtimes$ | The prior application Co., Ltd.  | is assigned to  | Fuji Photo Film                    |
| 8.  | $\boxtimes$ | A Preliminary Amendment  | is enclosed.  |                                    |
| 9a. | $\boxtimes$ | Priority of Application JAPAN on October 22, U.S.C. § 119. See attached in the     | 1996 is/are contractions contraction contraction contraction contraction $1996$ | laimed under 35<br>Letter claiming |

Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_

<u>1998</u>.

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PATENT 2091-SP140P

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kazuo SHIOTA et al.

Serial No.: 08/956,029 Group: unassigned

Filed: October 22, 1997 Examiner: unassigned

For: PICTURE PRINTING SYSTEM

## LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

March 12, 1998 2091-SP140P

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

| Serial No.               | Filing Date                            | <u>Art Unit</u>    |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 08/970,394<br>08/997,089 | November 14, 1997<br>December 23, 1997 | 2712<br>unassigned |
| 08/839,361               | April 18, 1997                         | 2606               |

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. applications may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed applications to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said applications should not mature into patents, such

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applications should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 CFR § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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|     |             | Application No filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.   |
|-----|-------------|---|
| 10. | ⊠           | An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.  |
| 11. | $\boxtimes$ | Address all future communications to:   |
|     |             | BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, VA 22040-0747 (703) 205-8000  or Customer No. 02292   |
| 12. |             | An extension of time for() month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 08/956,029 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application. |
| 13. | $\boxtimes$ | Also enclosed herewith is the following:  |
|     |             | A copy of a Letter listing co-pending applications filed in parent application 08/956,029 on March 12,  |

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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